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January 16, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

For all the critics and detractors that Microsoft has had, lost in that clamor is the fact that Microsoft was, in large measure, responsible for driving our economy during the longest period of economic expansion that our country has experienced in a long time. Prior to that economic expansion, a few brave souls were huddled around the 286's slogging through DOS. Then Microsoft came along with a vast improvement called Windows and suddenly the IT business was opened up to virtually anyone who could plink down a few hundred bucks for a PC. Prior to the mid-1980's business was terrorized by a lack of technology standards, incompatible equipment, high costs, and slow development. Microsoft was the sheriff who tamed that chaos.

This began the economic expansion and continued with Windows 95, 98, 2000 and the rest. Suddenly half the country was computer proficient and had purchased a PC, along with Internet access, software packages, printers, scanners and all the other goodies that they wanted. Behind this, all the while, was Microsoft--along with Compaq, Toshiba, Gateway, Apple, Electronic Arts and all the others. Windows has been named on some lists the most important tool of the 20th century.

For this, we want to haul Bill Gates to the hoosegow.

This recently negotiated settlement at least has the advantage of ending this litigation, even though it forces Microsoft to do some things not envisioned in the lawsuit, such as divulging its interoperability protocols. It is better for all concerned with this suit to settle it and be done with it. I support the settlement and dearly hope that this sort of thing does not happen again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin C. Donohue".

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